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A Travis County Grand Jury has declined to indict an Austin Police Department (APD) officer who shot at a woman as she drove down a barricaded portion of East 6<sup>th</sup> Street on October 20, 2012, striking multiple pedestrians before coming to a stop.

Gwen Daniels, then an employee of Coyote Ugly, got into her vehicle that was parked in the 300 block of East 6<sup>th</sup> Street at about 2:20 a.m. Large crowds of pedestrians were in the street after bar closing time at 2:00 a.m. Daniels slowly pulled out from her parking space in an effort to drive home and honked her horn to alert the crowd to clear a path. Apparently agitated by Daniels' horn, persons in the crowd began to strike at her car, and at least one person jumped on the hood and began stomping. Fearing for her safety, Daniels accelerated through the crowd, striking multiple persons and forcing others to run for safety.

Austin Police Officer Robert Krummel was working with three other APD officers near the corner of San Jacinto and East 6<sup>th</sup>, monitoring the streets as people made their way out of the bars. As Daniels began accelerating, the officers heard the sound of tires squealing and people screaming. As the officers made their way toward the disturbance, they witnessed Daniels' vehicle heading west and accelerating rapidly through the crowd, knocking people down. The officers yelled commands at Daniels to stop and one shined his flashlight at her in an attempt to get her attention, but she continued westbound on 6<sup>th</sup> Street in the direction of the officers and other pedestrians.

Believing that the vehicle was headed for him and fearing for his own safety and the safety of others in the street, Officer Krummel fired four times at the vehicle, striking the windshield all four times but missing Daniels, who stopped shortly after being fired upon. Daniels exited the vehicle and was taken into custody.

Two people injured in the incident were taken by ambulance to a hospital where they were treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Daniels was not injured and faces no charges.

The Grand Jury heard over eight hours of testimony from ten witnesses.

Press packets containing documents and video related to the incident are available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the DA's Office, located at the Criminal Justice Center, 509 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

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